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HEMISPHERE RESERVE LEADERS CONFERENCE WRAPS UP

Miami, FL – The U.S. Southern Command-sponsored Fourth Annual Western Hemisphere Senior Reserve Leaders Conference, taking place in Miami since Monday, concludes Thursday at the Radisson Mart Hotel here. Closing the four-day Conference, Maj. Gen. Paul Lima, SOUTHCOM's deputy commander for mobilization and reserve affairs, will address the more than 100 participants representing 27 nations from Central, South America, and the Caribbean at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Conference is to continue promoting the Reserve Component "citizen-soldier" concept that compliments active duty forces, maximizes military human resources budgets, and efficiently utilizes the nations' human and intellectual capital. The forum provides participants the opportunity to develop personal and professional relationships with other nations' Security Forces, while learning and sharing from each other's Reserve strategies and initiatives.

Reserve forces are a critical, cost-effective and highly skilled support component of the U.S. Armed Forces and an important asset for Southern Command deployments to its Area of Responsibility. This proven concept serves as an ideal force modernization option for Latin American and Caribbean nations' Security Forces.

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Media are invited to cover Maj. Gen. Paul Lima's Conference Closing Remarks Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at the Miami Radisson Mart Hotel.